

FORM PTO-1390 (REV 10-2003)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		DATE: June 30, 2004	
<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 USC § 371</b>				ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER 57436US005	
				U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR § 1.5) <b>10/500584</b>	
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/US02/40949		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 23 December 2002		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 31 December 2001	
TITLE OF INVENTION METHODS OF PROCESSING SAMPLE PROCESSING DEVICES					
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US William Bedingham					
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:					
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC § 371. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC § 371. 3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC § 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. 4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31). 5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 USC § 371(c)(2)). a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US) 6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 USC § 371(c)(2)). a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 USC § 154(d)(4) 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 USC § 371(c)(3)). a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. 8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 USC § 371(c)(3)). 9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 USC § 371 (c)(4)). 10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 USC §§ 371(c)(5)). <b>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</b> 11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98. (2 pgs. w/PTO 1449 form (1 pg.)) 12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment. (4 pgs.) 14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR § 1.76. 15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Authorization to Act in a Representative Capacity. (1 pg.) 17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR §§ 1.821 – 1.825. 18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 USC § 154(d)(4). 19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 USC § 154(d)(4). 20. <input type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:					

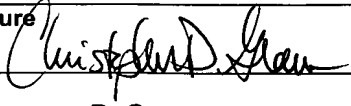
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21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted: : <b>Basic National Fee (37 CFR § 1.492(a)(1)-(5)):</b> Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR § 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR § 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO ..... <b>\$1080.00</b> International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR § 1.482) not paid to USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO..... <b>\$920.00</b> International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR § 1.482) not paid to USPTO but international search fee (37 CFR § 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO..... <b>\$770.00</b> International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR § 1.482) paid to USPTO but all claims did not satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) ..... <b>\$730.00</b> International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR § 1.482) paid to USPTO and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)) ..... <b>\$100.00</b>		<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="width:50%;">Calculations</th> <th style="width:50%;">PTO Use Only</th> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="height: 100px;"></td> </tr> </table>	Calculations	PTO Use Only										
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Sample Form (03-04)

**AUTHORIZATION TO ACT IN A REPRESENTATIVE CAPACITY**

In re Application of:

WILLIAM BEDINGHAM

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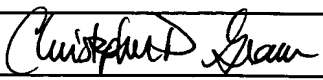
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The practitioner named below is authorized to conduct interviews and has the authority to bind the principal concerned. Furthermore, the practitioner is authorized to file correspondence in the above-identified application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.34:

Name	Registration Number
Kevin W. Raasch	35,651

**This is not a Power of Attorney to the above-named practitioner.** Accordingly, the practitioner named above does **not** have authority to sign a request to change the correspondence address, a request for an express abandonment, a disclaimer, a power of attorney, or other document requiring the signature of the applicant, assignee of the entire interest or an attorney of record. If appropriate, a separate Power of Attorney to the above-named practitioner should be executed and filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

## SIGNATURE of Practitioner of Record

Name	Christopher D. Gram		
Signature		Date	6/30/2004
Registration Number	43,643	Telephone	(651) 733-1507

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